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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jean-Richard NEESER et al. Confirmation No: 6562
Application No.: 09/779,596 Group Art Unit: 1652
Filing Date: February 9, 2001 Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr
For: INCORPORATION OF EXOGENOUS LACTIC BACTERIA INTO THE ORAL MICROFLORA Attorney Docket No.: 88265-406

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

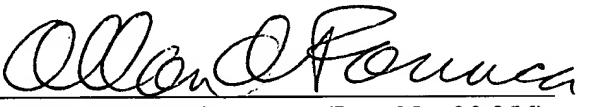
It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, be extended for a period of three (3) months from August 5, 2004, to and including November 5, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$980.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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